Utah Department of Transportation Utah Transportation Commission Wasatch and Utah County Area Tour August 15, 2013

The tour departed at 12:21 p.m. from the Heber City offices. Teri Newell welcomed the group on the tour and handouts were distributed for reference during the tour. The bus traveled on SR-113 to Midway, where Brent Schvaneveldt talked about a mill and overlay project that was completed last year. Shaun Seeger from Mountainlands Association of Governments referred to the 'Heber Parkway Concept' handout and talked about the Heber Bypass. He noted that it has taken seven years to formulate the 3.5 mile long alignment. He also pointed out the enhancements that were done on Midway Main Street and talked about the safety improvements that would be needed on SR-113 in the future. Mr. Schvaneveldt mentioned a chip seal project that was recently finished and said that they would do a bridge deck repair on the bridge over the Provo River later on. The bus turned on to US-189 and traveled southwest. There was brief discussion regarding the Heber Creeper and Bridal Veil Falls. Mr. Schvaneveldt continued talking about past, current and future projects on US-189. He said there was a widening project done from Charleston to Heber City last year, and a future widening project is planned between Deer Creek Reservoir and Wallsburg. He commented on the hazardous situation of there only being one way in and out of Wallsburg, and what would happen if there was a fire. He also talked about the issues that were found with the pavement during a pavement preservation project on US-189 between the Wasatch County line and State Park. He said there would be an item on tomorrow's agenda to address the problems by moving one project from the Preservation Program list to the Rehabilitation Program list, and adding a new project to the Rehabilitation Program list. Mr. Schvaneveldt also pointed out the locations where various safety improvements would be made along US-189. The bus stopped for a short break at SR-52/800 North and US-189.

The bus traveled west on 800 North to US-89/State Street. Mr. Seager pointed out the Orem 800 North trail that would be constructed between 1000 East and Palisades Drive. The bus traveled north on State Street, and Mr. Schvanevelt talked about the widening project from 1860 North in Orem to 100 East in Pleasant Grove. The bus turned onto SR-146/Canyon Road, where Mr. Schvaneveldt talked about an upcoming pavement rehabilitation project and a potential jurisdictional transfer of the road. At SR-92/Timpanogos Highway, the bus traveled west to I-15. Bryan Adams discussed the SR-92 project that has been under construction, and shared the history and status of the project. The bus stopped to view repair work being done on some retaining walls, then traveled to I-15 southbound. Mr. Schvaneveldt noted where joint repair work was taking place on I-15 in Lehi. The bus exited at University Parkway and traveled east. Mr. Schvaneveldt pointed out the only CFI Interchange in Utah County and discussed the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project that UTA will be constructing in the future. In addition, UDOT will be making improvements to the University Parkway/State Street intersection, the busiest in Utah County, and widening the Parkway from 800 East to University Avenue. Other intersection improvements will be looked at as well. The bus traveled north on US-189/University Avenue. Mr. Schvaneveldt pointed out the new pavement surface that was done as a result of a CUP water line installation project. The final project discussed was the Wallsburg to Heber widening project between South Charleston Road and Heber Main Street that was completed last year, which has helped with traffic flow. There was additional information provided on the Heber Bypass Road.

The bus returned to the Heber City offices and the tour ended at 3:03 p.m.

The following Commissioners, UDOT staff, and others attended the tour: Jeff Holt, Kent Millington, Meghan Holbrook, Wayne Barlow, Dannie McConkie, Eddie Cox, Naghi Zeenati, LeAnn Abegglen, Shane Marshall, Bill Lawrence, Bob Pelly, Nile Easton, John Gleason, Bryan Adams, Teri Newell, Brent Schvaneveldt, Muriel Xochimitl, Shaun Seeger, Jamie Evans.